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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to offer my support for the settlement that was reached in the anti-trust lawsuit between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last November. Microsoft has been wonderful in making the technology industry what it is today. Yet the industry is hurting as a result of this litigation, and I would like to see an end to it as soon as possible.

Other companies have had the ability to compete with Microsoft, and yet they simply have not been able to do so. Microsoft should not be punished for this, although the company made certain concessions that have allowed this case to be settled so that this whole matter can be put to rest. Microsoft will share information with its competitors on the Windows operating system, and allow computer makers to ship non-Microsoft products for use within Windows without any retaliation. The three person technical committee that will be established will ensure Microsoft's full compliance with these and all other terms of the settlement.

Thank for reaching this compromise with Microsoft. The economy will be revitalized once this case is over, and the technology industry can get back to the success it had before this lawsuit began over three years ago. I look forward to the finalization of this settlement.

Sincerely,

Lucy McClusky